GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:110
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2016
Doordarshan Network
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 8 per cent population and 19 per cent area of the country have not been covered under Doordarshan network in the country, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the names of such areas;

(c) the time by which coverage of Doordarshan network is likely to be extended across the country; and

(d) the efforts made to utilise modern techniques and equipments in Doordarshan telecast?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *110 FOR ANSWER ON 23.11.2016.

Prasar Bharati has informed that in terrestrial mode, the TV coverage of Doordarshan is estimated to be available to about 92% population spread over 81% area of the country. However, in Satellite mode, multichannel TV coverage of Doordarshan reaches all the areas of the country through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service. It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country with the help of a small sized dish receive unit.
Modernization of Doordarshan network by utilizing modern techniques and equipments is a continuous process. Schemes in this regard have been formulated and implemented from time to time. Modernization plan covers a broad spectrum, which inter-alia, includes digitalization, adoption of new technologies, upgradation and replacement of old ageing equipment etc.
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